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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the attached Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate page.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On Page 1, above line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 199 13 501.0 filed March 25, 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/00883 filed

March 24, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 1, please replace the first full paragraph with the following paragraph:

--This invention relates to a method of joining a first component made of plastic to a second component made of plastic having the features according to the definition of the species of Claim 15.--

On page 1, after the third full paragraph, please insert the following new paragraphs:

--U.S. Patent 5,266,262 describes blow-molded intake manifolds onto which a common flange is integrally molded. The intake manifolds have connecting sections which are embedded in the plastic of the flange in integral molding. Ring-shaped projections extending outward are formed on these connecting sections and are anchored like a barb in the integrally molded flange in a form-fitting manner. The strength, in particular the tensile strength, of this connection is increased in this way.

U.S. Patent 4,752,208 describes a method which is used for integral molding of a coupling sleeve onto a corrugated tube hose. The injection mold and the injection process are